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Postal Regulatory Commission 901 New York NW, Suite 200 Washington DC 20268-0001 POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Attn: Dean J. Granholm

Dear Sir:

When considering closing the Witten, SD PO please keep these facts in mind.

1: Just think if you were in our position, how would it be to have your secure Post Office privileges taken from you?

- 2: There is always the possibility of having our rural box being demolished by pranksters or criminals and destroying all the contents.
 - 3: Our identity could be easily stolen.
- 4: Many older people have medicine delivered by mail which could be taken from our boxes for their own drug use and not for medicine.
- 5: If your plan does go into affect, how can our mail be transferred to different locations and be handled by many hands before it actually arrives to our rural boxes without being sent elsewhere or lost. It would also take up to 3 or 4 days before receiving the mail where it has arrived in 1 day. This is not progress in this modern world.

The postal service is not as expensive as you make it sound when you consider what it costs to serve all the public in proportion to what one Post Master General receives as a yearly salary.

This is a big decision for you to make, but please consider the value of a small post office and the problems it will cause for the general public if they should be closed.

Hopefully you will consider our rights in your decision.

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